

Approved 06/18/2008

**Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2008**

In attendance: Committee Members Peter Bolduc, Gene Cordes, Robert Larson and Cheryl Rowell

Meeting started at 7:03 PM at the Fremont Town Hall

❖ **Old Business**

- Committee members reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous, April 15th meeting.
- Jordan Institute Visit ~ review
 - Members discussed how to proceed with the information from our meeting with the Jordan Institute
 - Assess Performance of Town Buildings
 - ◆ Portfolio Manager Software
 1. Free software from the EPA which will determine energy efficiency of a building using data from previous fuel and energy use. The Committee would need to collect data from 3 years.
 2. After accumulating the data, the Committee can input data into the program or have the Jordan Institute do this at a cost of \$50).
 3. Cheryl will email other members information on the data needed
 - ◆ Ellis School
 1. Cheryl will collect data for Portfolio Manager from the school and coordinate this initiative with their administration.
 2. It is felt that the biggest return will be at the school
 3. Cheryl will try to set up meeting between Dawn Lewis (Elementary Principal), Carol Foley (teacher) and representatives from the Energy Committee.
 4. The school has received a grant from PSNH. The older students will be looking at energy use, but Public Service may only be interested in electricity use.
 - ◆ Town Buildings
 1. Gene will ask Heidi Carlson for data from the town buildings
 2. Any initiative involving public funds will need to be in a proposal for voters and taxpayers. The payback will be the benefit.
 3. Bob will talk with Kathleen Lewis who is the PSNH representative for our area re: energy audits
 4. Library: Bob has met with Dick Rand about the library and counted 242 light fixtures and listed their wattages. They will meet again to see if they can come up with different fixtures to increase efficiency. The heating system needs to be looked at.

❖ New Business/Discussion

➤ Energy costs

- Fuel oil and propane –
 - Fuel Oil: Kirk Stone from the Jordan Institute is projecting fuel oil to be near \$5 per gallon this winter season – he is working with schools to see what can be done.
 - Propane: Epping Town Hall model.
 - ◆ Bob went to Epping to review the system used to heat and power their 15,000 sq. ft. town hall building.
 - ◆ The system is 92% efficient
 - ◆ Clay Mitchell, who was involved in this project, will visit Fremont at any time to assess our buildings.
 - Wood chips
 - ◆ a sustainable resource?
 1. Gene will contact Jason Stock from the woodland owners association to see if he can answer this.
 2. Bob will ask members at the Governor's task force meeting.
 - ◆ There are some power plants that have converted to wood chips and are using this resource.

➤ Information for residents

- Carpooling
 - Rideshare information – make this available for Fremont residents
 - Where can cars be parked?
 - Put into newsletter for energy saving tips
 - Make pamphlet available at town hall.
- Books on energy saving tips available at Fremont Library
- Link for buying energy efficient bulbs inexpensively – allowed 6 through PSNH
- Cheryl will send Bob information about the farmer's markets opening for newsletter.
- Tips for improving energy efficiency with landscaping
- Could Fremont residents buy wood pellets in bulk to reduce shipping costs?
- Gene will look into having an email mailbox setup for the energy committee. Suggested address:
FremontEnergyCommittee@comcast.net

➤ Combined Energy Committee Meetings with other towns

- Potential meeting with Kingston and Brentwood Energy Committees – Brentwood? has contacted Bob

❖ Meeting adjourned

- ~8:35 PM. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17th, 2008; 7 PM at the Fremont Town Hall.